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## **SBA Resource Partner to Start Imperial Valley Chapter**

**SCORE Seeks volunteers interested in assisting local entrepreneurs**

**SAN DIEGO** – The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), composed of volunteer counselors to America's small business community and a key resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), is starting a chapter in the Imperial Valley.

Formed in 1964, SCORE offers small business advice and training and is dedicated to the formation, growth and success of small businesses nationwide. It now boasts 389 chapters and over 10,500 volunteer members and business counselors in every state. To learn more about SCORE, interested persons should attend one of the following chamber meetings:

**Wednesday, February 21 - 9:30 AM**

Brawley Chamber of Commerce,  
204 S. Imperial Ave., Brawley, CA  
or

**Thursday, February 22 - 9:30 AM**

El Centro Chamber of Commerce  
1095 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., El Centro, CA

Rod Means, SCORE district director for San Diego and Imperial Counties and the past president of the award-winning San Diego chapter, will present details and answer questions. Prospective volunteer members do not need to be retired. Anyone with something to contribute to the success of small businesses and the economic development of the Imperial Valley community is welcome.

Please visit [www.score.org](http://www.score.org) and [www.score-sandiego.org](http://www.score-sandiego.org) for additional SCORE information, or call Rod Means, (619) 275 0950, email – [mrtrick@pacbell.net](mailto:mrtrick@pacbell.net) with questions if unable to attend the February meetings.

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